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## PORTUGUESE IMMIGRATION.

It is to be hoped that the effort to bring a thousand Portuguese families to Hawaii may succeed. Naturally there are difficulties in the way, but they may not prove insuperable. There is no more desirable class of immigrants. Well trained at home, especially in agriculture, they carry with them the family idea and also their religious faith, which holds them to a moral standard, and they are industrious, economical, and prudently ambitious.

Nor are the Portuguese lacking in preparation for American citizenship. The many points of resemblance, especially in politics and the administration of the law, between Portugal and England, have been often observed by students of history. Equality before the law is practically understood and enforced in Portugal, where justice is administered with an even hand. The lower house of the Cortes is a representative body, the members of which are elected, and the qualification for the exercise of the suffrage is purely educational.

It is common knowledge, of a kind, however, to be well considered, that Portugal has been a great power in the seas, and now holds important possessions in the Atlantic, and in Asia and Africa. The Azores and the Madeiras are incorporated into the kingdom itself. But the Cape Verde Islands, Portuguese East Africa, Goa, Damao, Din, Macao, and other tributaries are colonially administered. Brazil was discovered by Cabral, in 1500, and settled by Portuguese. It was there that, during the Napoleonic regime, the royal family was sheltered. In 1822, the empire of Brazil was founded, and Dom Pedro, the last emperor held the throne, until the United States of Brazil was formed, and proved himself to be and was acknowledged as one of the most intelligent, liberal and advanced monarchs in the world. The vast area of Brazil, more than three millions of square miles, with its great diversity of productions and its innumerable opportunities for agriculture and mining, coupled with the fact that the Portuguese language is firmly established there, constitutes a great attraction to emigrants from Portugal. A population of only eighteen millions in that favored portion of the earth's surface is capable of almost indefinite increase.

The Portuguese government, unlike the government of Italy, does not encourage emigration, except to its own dependencies, which offer great inducements to Portuguese immigrants. Nevertheless there is a swift movement of settlers of that nationality to Brazil and to the Argentine Confederation. It may be safely anticipated that the thousand families required cannot be procured on the mainland. The number of Portuguese now in Hawaii, however, is about 14,000, and, while their experience has not been altogether satisfactory and many of the original Portuguese immigrants and their descendants have gone to California and to other parts of the republic, the connection between the resident Portuguese and the Azores, from which they were originally and chiefly obtained, is very close, and this fact may operate to aid the proposed effort to meet the labor demand of the plantations, without contravening American policy. The inhabitants of the Azores are now probably slightly in excess of 250,000, while the population of the Madeiras, chiefly devoted to wine and sugar, does not exceed 134,000. It is among these people, if anywhere within the Portuguese dominions, that "assisted" immigrants may be procured, but, in this special direction, the result of the experiment may be regarded as doubtful.

If compelled to turn to northern Italy to supply the labor demand, qualified laborers may be unquestionably induced to come, but, in reference to citizenship and the Americanization of the territory, the Portuguese are preferable.

The stories told about Miss Roosevelt's "hoydenish ways" do not impress Honolulu people who saw her here and remarked her simple, courteous manners. It is inconceivable that she should have made her adieu to the British governor of Hongkong by saying "Ta, ta, Gov.," or anything else not suited to the occasion. Yellow journalism commits no more serious affront than its malicious gossip about the family of a President. Mrs. Lincoln and "Tad" did not escape it; Andrew Johnson's family, "plain people from the Tennessee mountains," were constantly ridiculed; Jesse Grant was one of the victims of his day; Webb Hayes, though a sound and unassuming young fellow, was the perennial butt of the paragraphers; "Baby McKee," was never allowed to stay at peace in his nursery while his grandfather, Benjamin Harrison, was President; Mr. Cleveland's sister Rose, who presided over the White House for a short time, was the joy of the satirist and now Miss Alice has a turn. It is high time to stop with her and give Presidential families a chance to enjoy such measure of privacy as belongs to them.

That a vital change has come over Honolulu hospitality in the past twenty years has been noticed by others than naval officers. In the old days there was a center of generous hospitality in the royal court, which existed almost solely for pleasure and show. Every stranger who came here in uniform or with credentials or who had friends at court, was entertained most lavishly. To the common fund of festivity the Hawaiians and half-whites contributed very much, but since the overthrow their ability to keep open house has not been great, nor have they wholly overcome the social antipathy to whites that grew up in 1893. Among the white kamaainas a desire for exclusiveness began to appear when the stranger, ceasing to have the charm of novelty, became legion. Instead of taking in the thronging new-comers, as of old, these people entertain each other. Such changes always come to a town with growth and cosmopolitanism, but they have been accentuated here by the new classification of society along the color line and by other circumstances accruing from the change in government.

The news that Honolulu is wide-open has had the effect of bringing in a lot of sealy characters besides gamblers. Thieves and swindlers are flocking this way and seem to be doing well. Between the "indifference, incompetence or corruption" of the police and the bad quality of the liquor law, Honolulu is in need of a very drastic reform movement to begin with the purging of the police station and to end in the exodus of the unofficial blacklegs and a change in the saloon business. The decent public does not generally know that some of the saloons now run all night and Sundays, that they provide accommodations for women as well as for gamblers and that they are thronged by the worst classes in the small hours beyond the twelve. This is made possible by the restaurant license clause in the liquor act—a clause which is giving Honolulu Raines law hotels of the vilest class.

The Improvement Committee has done well to enlist the aid of Japanese residents in beautifying the town. As natural landscape artists the little brown men could do very much if they were encouraged and helped. For one thing they should be given land upon which to create a small Japanese public garden like the one in Golden Gate park, San Francisco—a place with a torii entrance, with small artificial hills and ponds, the latter spanned by semi-circular bridges, and with dwarf trees, stone lanterns, bamboo rest-houses and a tea house. Encouragement to build homes in the Japanese style would not come amiss, especially if this served to limit the number of shed-like wooden tenements. Perhaps a Japanese auxiliary to the Improvement Committee could be formed to take such things in hand.

The Governor of Moscow reports that fifteen thousand people were killed and wounded in the collision of troops and strikers there. This seems much more reasonable than the story that a fight between revolutionists and an army corps resulted in only a few hundred casualties. Civil war is proverbially bloody especially those phases of it that include street fighting between masses of combatants, armed with artillery. Ten men may be killed in a city street where all might escape in an open field in which advantage could be taken of natural cover.

Kamehameha turns out more statesmen than any other school in Hawaii. With that proud record it needn't mind the jeer that it is shy in the matter of artisans. What are brick-layers to statesmen, anyway?

A body without a brain was found in the bay yesterday. An autopsy quieted the rumor that it was the remains of a Home Rule statesman.

It is presumed that the Moscow promoters corrected that first dispatch about thousands killed and wounded for fear it would hurt the town.

## BROKER KNIGHT ON OUR OUTLOOK

Fred S. Knight, member of the Stock and Bond Exchange of San Francisco, has just returned from an extended business trip to Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Knight is most favorably impressed with present conditions on the islands tending to their future development, and, in an interview, dwelt particularly upon their commercial prosperity. He said: "The pineapple industry is rapidly rising to prominence. During 1905 960,000 cans were packed, and from the present outlook the crop for 1906 will amount to about 2,400,000 cans. So great has been the development in these farms that the Oahu Railroad is building an extension of its lines to the colony on Oahu so that the product may be more readily marketed. The immense dam for the Waiialua plantation, which has been in process of construction for the past two years, is nearing completion and will give that property a water supply of 2,500,000 gallons. Many acres of the island that have never been cleared are now being freed from their wild growth and prepared for various farming projects, and colonization schemes are on foot to bring in white labor in the shape of settlers to own their own homes and to farm their own lands. The building construction by the Government of both naval and military character, is having a good effect, and prospects for a passenger steamer service between the islands and San Francisco to be established through local capital are becoming better every day. The tobacco and rubber industries are being fostered to a degree that ought to put them on a firm commercial basis. The diversified agriculture, the tourist travel and the revenues from a large military and naval establishment are sufficient, with the average sugar returns, to again make this community the most prosperous of its size in the world."—S. F. Finance and Trade.

### A SHOPLIFTER.

(Continued from Page 1.) Mrs. Nightingale. On seeing her he remarked: "Can this be the little girl I held in my arms so many years ago?" "While his daughter was studying in Italy, General Mendez traveled over Europe, also being one of the Arctic exploring party. On his return he visited their old home in Seville, and then returned to Mexico, after his five years of exile had expired. Later, Mrs. Nightingale, owing to her wonderful musical abilities, was engaged by the manager of Adelina Patti for the chorus and appeared first at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. Notwithstanding her age, Mrs. Nightingale still retains a sweet sympathetic voice and is a most interesting entertainer."

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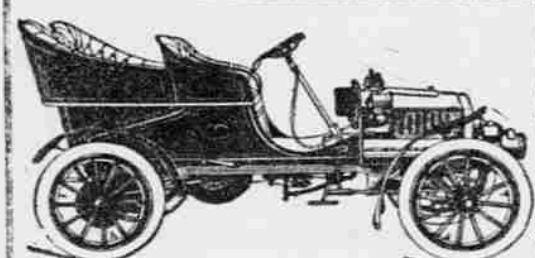
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Tourists arriving in Honolulu by through steamers on other than the regular visitor's days hereinbefore designated (Sundays and Thanksgiving and Christmas excepted) and leaving prior to the days set apart as regular visitor's days may be admitted to the Museum on SPECIAL PERMITS, issued during office hours from the general office of the trustees, No. 77 Merchant street, next door to the banking house of Bishop & Co. ADMISSION TO MUSEUM FREE. Electric cars bound west on King street pass the Museum every ten minutes during the day.

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